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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

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1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED SYG LUNS AT 0245 LOCAL TIME AND EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD PROPOSED TO GREEK AND TURKISH PRESIDENTS THAT CEASE FIRE GO INTO EFFECT AT 1400 GMT ON JULY 22.

2. I THEN PROPOSED THAT HE SEND A MESSAGE IN NAME OF ALLIES TO GREEK AND TURKISH FONMIN SUPPORTING THIS INITIATIVE.

3. I OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE SECRET

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SPECIFIC TIME FOR THE CEASE FIRE SANCTIONED BY ALL ALLIES AT A NAC MEETING, BUT AGREED WITH HIM IT WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL TO HAVE THE MEETING NOW AND REGULAR WORKING HOURS ON JULY 22 MIGHT BE TOO LATE. I SUGGESTED THAT HE USE THE NAC MEETING WE HAD

EVENING OF JULY 21 AS BASIS FOR ACTION. I THEN READ HIM A DRAFT OF A MESSAGE THAT HE MIGHT SEND, WHICH REFERS TO THE NAC (REF B) AND STATES THAT HE HAS JUST HEARD OF PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL TO HAVE CEASE

FIRE TAKE EFFECT AT 1400 GMT. (TEXT FOLLOWS).

4. LUNS WAS PROFUSELY GRATEFUL FOR PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE AND FOR MY SUGGESTIONS FOR CARRYING IT FORWARD. HE THINKS IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DELAYED ANY LONGER, AND HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT WAS RIGHT IN SAYING THAT WE CAN NO LONGER CONTEND WITH THE EXISTING SITUATION.

5. MESSAGE IS TO BE SENT BY GREEKS AND TURKS IN THEIR OWN CHANNELS, HAS BEEN SENT BY NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO ALL NATO CAPITALS ON NATO-WIDE NET, AND IS TO BE SENT BY US AND UK IN THEIR OWN CHANNELS FOR BACK UP.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT FRENCH WILL ALSO DELIVER A MESSAGE IN ATHENS AND ANKARA ON BEHALF OF ALL EC MEMBERS. TEXT WILL BE ALONG LINES OF NOTE ALREADY SENT TO UK EMBASSIES.

7. IF WASHINGTON WANTS NAC TO ORGANIZE FURTHER INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES BY EACH ALLY IN ATHENS AND ANKARA, A 9:00 AM MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED IF I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY 0700 AM LOCAL TIME. HOWEVER, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF WASHINGTON WOULD ALSO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO EACH ALLIED CAPITAL TO ASK FOMINIS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS MEETING.

8. AS ALTERNATIVE, WASHINGTON MAY SIMPLY WISH TO INSTRUCT EMBASSIES IN ALLIED CAPITALS TO ASK EACH HOST GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW UP CABLE BY SYG LUNS WITH ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHE TO THE SAME EFFECT.

9. TEXT FOLLOWS OF MESSAGE NOW SENT BY LUNS IN ACCORDANCE PARA 5 ABOVE:

DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 21, THE NORTH ATLANTIC
SECRET

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COUNCIL AGAIN DISCUSSED THE DEEPENING CRISIS OVER CYPRUS. THERE WAS BROAD, AND I MAY SAY UNANIMOUS, SUPPORT FOR A CEASE FIRE TO END THIS TRAGIC CONFLICT WHICH HAS BROUGHT TWO NATO ALLIES TO THE VERY BRINK OF WAR. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IS THREATENING THE EXISTENCE OF THE ALLIANCE AND THAT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU THREE TIMES BEFORE ON THIS URGENT MATTER BUT I MUST NOW, ON THE BASIS OF THE MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL, RENEW MY APPEAL TO YOU TO DO ALL YOU CAN TO BRING AN END TO THIS FIGHTING.

I AM AWARE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS REQUESTED YOUR GOVERNMENT TO INSTITUTE A CEASE FIRE AT

1400 GMT ON JULY 22. HAVING HEARD THE VIEWS OF ALL MEMBERS
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY DURING
THIS CRISIS, I AM NOW, AS SECRETARY GENERAL AND ON BEHALF OF THE
ALLIANCE, FULLY ENDORSING THE REQUEST THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT
AGREE TO AND OBSERVE A CEASE FIRE AT 1400 GMT ON JULY 22.

I AM SENDING A PARALLEL MESSAGE TO THE HELLENIC/TURKISH
GOVERNMENTS.
RUMSFELD.

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